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The electric contact method of heating billets before stamping is receiving ever wider application. Particular success has been achieved at the Altaysel'mash Plant, where a whole series of equipment has been installed for this purpose in connection with the production of tractor plows.

The Taganrog Self-Propelled Combine Plant is continually improving its machine production. Recently, it mechanized the production line for the stamping of hook chains. It has organized a metal-cutting laboratory which is concerned with improving the methods of machining.

The Krasnaya Zvezda Plant is successfully mechanizing various phases of its production.

However, there are a number of plants that are not giving due attention to the introduction of new techniques. The Siberian Agricultural-Machine Building Plant has not converted a single machine tool to high-speed operation in 1950. Even at the Rostsel'mash Plant, combination machine tools are not used to full capacity. The Stalino Plant imeni October Revolution has delayed the execution of the plan of the TsITM (Central Institute for the Organization of Labor and Mechanization of Production) for mechanizing the manufacture of plowshares and moldboards.

DEPUTY MINISTER DIES -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 28 Nov 50

On 26 Nov 1950, Vasilii Pavlovich Andreyev, Deputy Minister of Agricultural-Machine Building Industry, died.

TO PRODUCE NEW COTTON-GROWING EQUIPMENT -- Moscow, Pravda, 14 Dec 50

To further the mechanization of cotton-growing operations, the Chirchiksel'mash Plant has designed a universal cultivator-banker. This will be produced in 1951 not only by the Chirchik plant but also by other agricultural-machine building plants in sufficient numbers to meet the economy's needs.

The Chirchiksel'mash Plant will also turn out universal ditcher-bankers, designed by the Special State Design Bureau for Cotton, and cotton-pickers designed by V. I. Gorbunov.

The Uzbeksel'mash Plant will produce suspension-type ditcher-graders for the cotton-growing areas.

TASHKENT PLANT MAIN SUPPLIER OF COTTON-CLEANING MACHINES -- Moscow, Pravda, 4 Dec 50

The Tashkhlopkomash (Tashkent Cotton Machinery) Plant has pledged itself to put into operation several cotton-cleaning plants before the day of the Uzbek elections. It equipped such a plant with the latest type of machinery on the occasion of the 33d October anniversary.

Tashkhlopkomash will become, in the next few years, the principal machine-building base for the cotton-sowing areas of the Soviet Union. It will put out 5 times as much machinery as it does now.

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AKMOLINSK AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PLANT WASTEFUL -- Alma-Ata, Kazakhstanskaya Pravda,
31 Oct 50

Although the Akmolinsk Kazakhskel'mash Plant pledged to support the campaign for economy in metals and raw materials, its staff does nothing to implement the pledge. Director Sidorov and Chief Engineer Yenar'yev remain indifferent to innovators' suggestions. The plant's party and trade union organs have failed to show proper interest in the campaign.

There is considerable overconsumption of raw material at this plant. For instance, it uses 120 kilograms of metal to produce a haymower whereas the plan allows only 95. The tool shop wastes more than 50 percent of its metal in the form of chips because of improper selection of billets. The net result is that the plant is hundreds of machines behind in production each month.

TURNS OUT ABOVE-PLAN GRADERS FOR IRRIGATION SCHEME -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka,
11 Nov 50

The Chirchikskel'mash Plant has exceeded the year plan, putting out 500 graders above plan for the new irrigation project.

HELP WANTED -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 7 Dec 50

The Tashskel'mash Plant imeni Voroshilov needs the following personnel immediately: engineer for the mechanization of internal plant transport, drivers, loaders, and manual help. Apply: Personnel Division, Ul. 1 Maya No 2, Tashkent -- Advertisement

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